



# Frederica Almanack

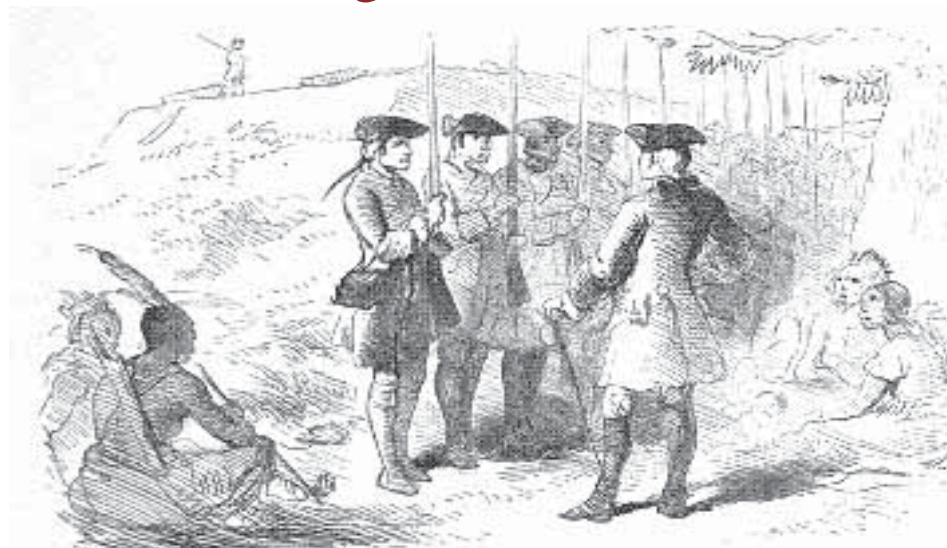
## Fort Frederica Living History Festival Celebrates 270th Anniversary of the Founding of Frederica

Fort Frederica National Monument has a quiet and ancient solitude. Stately live oaks and swaying palm trees stand above bleaching ruins and non-obtrusive brick and tabby foundations. Quietly the Frederica River glides past the silenced cannons of Fort Frederica. It is hard to imagine the hustling, bustling town in its heyday. It is far easier to stand in the middle of the townsite and visualize the site as it appeared on the first day of Frederica's life. One of Frederica's settlers described that first day in his journal.

**"...in the morning we arrived at the island of St. Simons... the ground was covered with long grass. Mr. Tanner fired it, and it destroyed all the vermin, and made the country round clear, so as not [to] be only pleasant to the eye, but convenient for walking...We all made merry that evening, having a plentiful meal of game brought in by the Indians."**

Francis Moore, 18 February 1736

From that humble beginning, Frederica quickly grew into a sizable settlement. Ironically, it thrived only as long as it was



The Frederica Living History Festival will feature musket drill and firing. This 1879 engraving from *Our Country: A Household History for all Readers* depicts General Oglethorpe drilling soldiers at Frederica.

threatened by the Spanish. Its short, tumultuous life ended after the British defeated the Spanish invasion. Following the disbanding of the regiment, settlers left and Frederica fell into disrepair. Crumbling ruins stood where a vibrant town once existed.

Today it is a challenge to bring the history of the site to life in a vivid way. Living history events and programs help visitors connect with the site and its history. On February 18, 2006, the history will become a little more real at the Fort

Frederica Living History Festival. This annual event is a great opportunity to delve into the lifestyles of the original residents of the town and fort.

Volunteers from throughout the region will help visitors discover the history of Frederica during this 270th anniversary of the town's beginnings. Activities throughout the day are designed to engage all visitors, and particularly children in this history. The Stewart-Law Baroque Ensemble Trio will provide music at 1 PM.

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## A Message from the Fort Frederica Superintendent

### NPS Management Policies Under Review

Many of you may have noted recent media reports – many of them negative – regarding the current review of the National Park Service Management Policies that is underway at the Washington level. Many of the reports cover concerns that the management policies are being substantially weakened in favor of use over preservation.

Although the Washington office strongly denies that is the intent, they have recently extended the deadline for employee and citizen comment on the proposed changes.

Anyone interested in this issue should visit the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at <http://park.planning.nps.gov/>. You can read the draft management plan at the site and offer your comments and opinions.

### The Rumors are True...

On a personal note, after 36 years of service to the National Park Service, I have decided to hang up my ranger hat and retire. It'll probably take place around February, depending on how soon we find a house to buy. The good news is that we are staying in the Golden Isles community, moving onto the mainland. It will give me the time and opportunity to work on my model railroad, grow the budding business I have associated with that, and train for more marathons and Ironman competitions.

I will miss the National Park Service, but I look forward to a whole new chapter in life.

Have a wonderful visit at your park!

Mike Tennent  
Superintendent

## Fort Frederica Cooperating Association An Important Park Partner

If it wasn't for the Fort Frederica Association, Fort Frederica National Monument wouldn't even exist. The Fort Frederica Association was formed in 1940 for the purpose of acquiring and developing the site of the 18th century town and fort of Frederica. Thanks to their efforts, on August 30, 1945, Fort Frederica was officially established as a national monument under the management of the National Park Service.

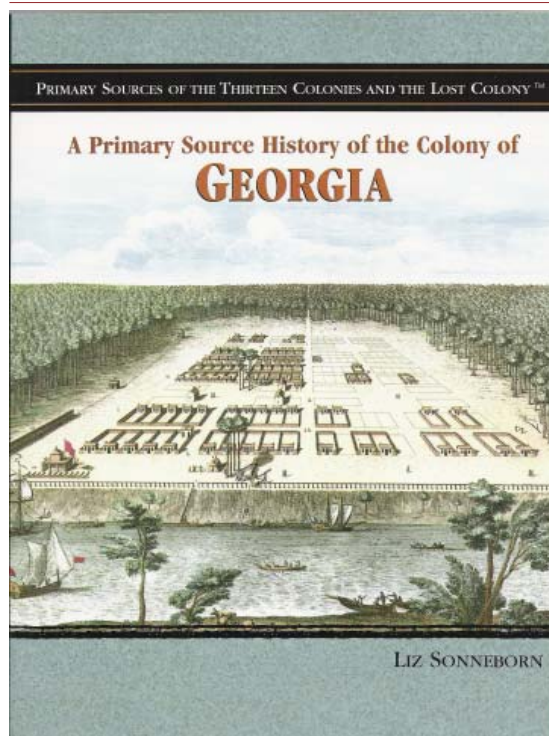
For over 60 years the Fort Frederica Association has participated in the development of Frederica and has created and administered the park's bookstore. Profits from the association's bookstore help fund special projects at Fort Frederica National Monument.

In 2005, the association provided the following assistance, totalling over \$10,000:

- needed archival training
- the education coordinator attended a museum conference
- several park interpreters attended training and conferences
- reproduction of an original map on display at the Visitor Center
- entrance into parades and a parade banner
- living history uniforms and equipment
- tabby demonstration supplies
- supplies for archeology education program
- refreshments and entertainment for numerous special events

Without the continuous strong support of the Fort Frederica Association a lot of the interpretive programs that visitors enjoy would not be possible. The National Park Service and Fort Frederica National Monument truly appreciate and thank Association members for all that they do.

- the park curator attended much-



## The Book Nook

*A Primary Source History of the Colony of Georgia* is a new addition to the Fort Frederica bookstore. The book provides a good overview of the history of the colonial period and includes letters, maps, and historic images that illustrate the transformation from colony to state. It is a wonderful sourcebook for teachers interested in teaching with primary sources.



## Maintenance Matters

The name of this column seems especially relevant when you consider a major project scheduled to begin at Fort Frederica during January. After years of planning and review, we have been given approval to proceed with the much-needed replacement of the Visitor Center roof! The project begins January 9, and we hope to have it finished within sixty days.

A visitor center is an integral part of any national park complex that attempts to educate and inform the visiting public. Planners situated our building at a strategic location outside the cultural zone so that incoming guests could be greeted and prepared for the educational experience that lies ahead. The story of Frederica is not well known, yet after exploring the Frederica town site it seems that most folks walk away from Fort Frederica National Monument wondering why or how they ever missed the teachings of its story during their youth. It is at the visitor center that interpretive rangers begin to tell that story. It's the responsibility of me and my staff to maintain the building so you can hear the beginnings of the Frederica story in a safe, comfortable environment.

National Park Service architects designed and built our visitor center in the mid-1950s, so it has provided visitor support with a half century of service. It not only houses facilities for public use; the east wing houses administrative and management offices. The 10,300 square-foot roof is original dating back to the 1950s, and is at the end of its useful life. Most folks assume it's a wooden roof, and, by design, they've been fooled! Designers recognized the rural and wooded environment surrounding the building, yet knew a durable roof

was needed under our huge, majestic live oak forest. The roof is actually clay tiles, with an etched, dark, stained appearance that gives the impression of a wood shake from a distance. These "sustainable design practices" result in award-winning building construction in the national park system.

Projects of this size go through a rigorous planning and review process that culminates in the awarding of a contract. Our goal is to maintain the architect's original intent to meld the building into the landscape. Research revealed the original tile manufacturer was still in business, but had moved operations from their original plant in Ludowici, GA, to a new location in Ohio where they found a vein of red clay similar to that found in Georgia. Luck prevailed when we learned the original tile specification was still available and identical clay tiles could be produced. Subsequently, office staff from our regional office in Atlanta worked up contract specifications and a few months back awarded the work to a local contractor, Allen and Graham Inc., of Brunswick. We are happy that their expertise and skills were chosen and look forward to their work so roof integrity can be extended another fifty years or more.

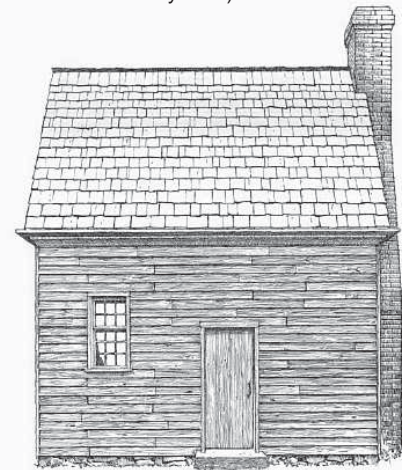
Work is expected to take up most of the first three months of the year. We have worked with Allen and Graham to ensure that work can proceed on schedule without interfering with visitor services. The building will remain open for your use during the construction phase. Visitors will continue to have access to the Visitor Center, although there may be times where your safety is pro-

tected with short, minimal delays to assist the workers. The park entrance will be open for visitor traffic daily at 9 a.m. The park will continue to be open until 5 p.m. We hope you view any inconvenience as a minor disturbance toward a very good long-term gain. In the end, it's our hope that you agree that your tax dollars have been spent wisely for a worthwhile project.

The entire National Park Service staff at Fort Frederica National Monument has a strong commitment to maintain the national monument so you have a safe and well kept facility for your entire family to enjoy. Whether it is the repair, rehabilitation, or upkeep of building assets, the preservation of the cultural landscape and grounds, or the protection of the natural environment, we strive to provide you with an educational experience that broadens your understanding of our cultural past. Let us know how we're doing. Your suggestions may help us improve for those who follow in your footsteps.




Thanks for visiting with us today!

(Tree Gottshall has 25 years experience working for the National Park Service. He has worked in various park locations throughout the country and has been at Fort Frederica for two and a half years.)



# Fort Frederica National Monument 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs, dates and scheduled times subject to change (912) 638-3639  
[www.nps.gov/fofr](http://www.nps.gov/fofr)

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<b>21</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>28</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM  	<b>11</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>18</b> Living History Festival 9 AM - 4 PM  <b>25</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM	<b>11</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>25</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM  	<b>8</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>22-30</b> National Park Week  <b>22</b> Tavern Program 7:00 PM  <b>29</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM  <b>29</b> Music of Colonial Georgia 7:00 PM	<b>13</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>27</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM  	<b>12-16</b> Archeology Camp  <b>19-23</b> Archeology Camp  <b>24</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM  <b>27-29</b> Hands-On History Camp  <b>Daily Ranger Programs 11, 12:30 &amp; 2</b>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<b>29</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM  <b>Daily Ranger Programs 11, 12:30 &amp; 2</b>	<b>26</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM  <b>Daily Ranger Programs 11, 12:30 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Public Lands Month</b>  <b>9</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>30</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM	<b>14</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>28</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM	<b>4</b> Children's Activities 2:00 PM  <b>18</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM	<b>16</b> Holiday Open House  <b>25</b> Christmas Day (Park Closed)

## Children's Activities at Fort Frederica

### New in 2006!



January 21, February 11, March 11,  
April 8, May 13, September 9,  
October 14, November 4

Join a National Park ranger for  
hands-on activities designed to  
explore the history of Frederica.  
A great opportunity to have fun  
while learning about our past!

For more information please contact  
the Fort Frederica Visitor Center at  
912-638-3639.



A Demonstration of the new King's Arm,  
Long Land Pattern Musket.

Including,  
A Description of the Battle of Bloody Marsh  
and the  
Method used to win the late war  
against the forces of Spain  
and the  
effects of this war upon the future of  
Frederica and the Colony of Georgia  
As told by  
A Soldier in his Majesty's Army  
serving in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot.  
**Saturday, January 28, 2006. 2:00 PM**  
**Battle of Bloody Marsh Site.**

## Name the Artifact Answers

- A. The blade of a hoe.  
B. A musket bayonet that has been bent to form a hook. Possibly used for cooking or some other chore.  
C. The head of a European Halberd. The halberd is a type of pole-arm that was used as a symbol of rank for sergeants of foot regiments. (George C. Neumann's "Battle Weapons of the American Revolution")  
D. The head of a Joiner's Axe. (Eric Sloane's "Museum of Early American Tools")

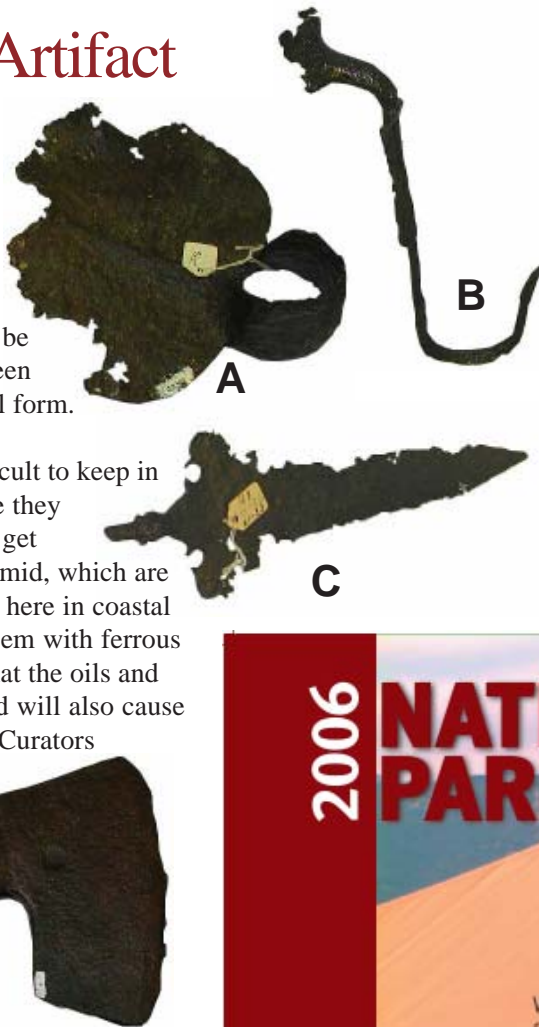
# Name the Artifact

Can you guess what these artifacts are or were? They are all in Frederica's collection. They are all made of iron (or mild steel).

One of the objects will be tricky because it has been altered from its original form.

Metal artifacts are difficult to keep in good condition because they tend to rust when they get wet, or if it is really humid, which are the conditions we have here in coastal Georgia. Another problem with ferrous (iron-based) metal is that the oils and salts on a person's hand will also cause rust and deterioration. Curators wear gloves to prevent damage.

Answers are located on page 4.



## Fort Frederica Needs You!

Are you interested in history? Would you like to help share the story of Fort Frederica and the early settlement of the Colony of Georgia? Do you want to help the National Park Service preserve this incredible place for future generations?

If so, please consider becoming a National Park Service volunteer. If you are interested in making a difference in your national park, please visit the Visitor Center to get a volunteer application or contact volunteer coordinator Jon Burpee at 912-638-3639 or e-mail [Jon\\_Burpee@nps.gov](mailto:Jon_Burpee@nps.gov).



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Fort Frederica National Monument is a premier historical and archaeological site that shares and preserves the history associated with the British settlement of the Colony of Georgia and the struggle with Spain for control of the region. The National Park Service values working with partners and the public to bring this special history to life.

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## New Junior Rangers



Every year, hundreds of young visitors complete the requirements to earn a Fort Frederica Junior Ranger Badge. If you want more information on the Junior Ranger program ask a ranger in the Visitor Center.

A few of the latest Junior Rangers include:

- ★ Alex Diemer, age 11, Spartanburg, SC
- ★ Nick Diemer, age 10, Spartanburg, SC
- ★ Catherine Diemer, age 8, Spartanburg, SC
- ★ Julianna Lambright, age 8, Boise, ID
- ★ Jessica Lambright, age 7 1/2, Boise, ID
- ★ Julia Roman, age 7, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Christina Toth, age 10, Brighton, MI
- ★ Natalie Toth, age 7, Brighton, MI
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- ★ Taylor Maggioke, age 8, Lawrenceville, GA
- ★ Trey Bollick, age 9, Lilburn, GA
- ★ Caleb Horton, age 9, Dallas, GA
- ★ Skylar Reed, age 12, Hahira, GA
- ★ Lauren Reed, age 10, Hahira, GA
- ★ Shannon Coppula, age 8, Lancaster, PA
- ★ Alex Byers, age 8, Port Royal, KY
- ★ Haley Perritt, age 9, Florence, AL
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- ★ Oksana Snee, age 8, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Lisa Pennemann, age 13, Cologne, Germany
- ★ Anna Pennemann, age 11, Cologne, Germany
- ★ Mara Boehm, age 8, Urbana, IL
- ★ Turner Brooks, age 11, Athens, GA
- ★ Emilee Smigel, age 8, Lake Worth, FL
- ★ Niklas Smigel, age 10, Lake Worth, FL
- ★ Mark Simon, age 9, Lorton, VA
- ★ Emily Fielgelist, age 11, Parma, OH
- ★ Laura Fielgelist, age 12, Parma, OH
- ★ Sarah Fielgelist, age 9, Parma, OH
- ★ Ryan Holmes, age 11, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Mercer Buechner, age 6, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Micky Buechner, age 8, Marietta, GA
- ★ Noah Wishnia, age 7, Kennesaw, GA
- ★ Ross Wishnia, age 10, Kennesaw, GA
- ★ Colby Sabia, age 11, Woodale, IL
- ★ David Oh, age 7, Honolulu, HI

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